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## State of the Coast returns to in-person conference in New Orleans for 2023

*Presentations sought for this year's event, which is hosted by CRCL, CPRA, Water Institute and Sea Grant*

State of the Coast, the largest statewide conference to focus on coastal issues in Louisiana, will return to an in-person event this May and June at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. The theme of the conference's seventh iteration will be Together Again.

SOC2023 will be from May 31 to June 2. It will consist of three days of presentations by leading experts in concurrent sessions, keynote talks, poster sessions and networking opportunities. More than 1,000 scientists, landowners, land managers, federal and state agency leaders and staff, local officials, industry and business leaders, students and residents of south Louisiana are expected to attend. The conference is hosted by the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana along with the state's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, The Water Institute of the Gulf and Louisiana Sea Grant.

Because of the Covid pandemic, the 2021 State of the Coast was a virtual conference.

"We are thrilled to be back, and the timing is crucial" said Kim Reyher, the executive director of CRCL. "There is an unprecedented level of coastal restoration work under way along our coast, and we are seeing real progress being made. We expect this conference to be of significant value to people across coastal Louisiana as we make the decisions that shape our future."

The deadline to propose a session or presentation for the conference is Jan. 17. Submissions may be for sessions, in panel or standard format, poster or oral presentations that the Program Committee will organize into sessions. Topics and subtopics are posted on the conference website.

Speakers at the conference will include Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Early bird registration is open now. There are special student rates for the conference, as well as student scholarship and volunteer opportunities. Journalists may register for free.

The conference also offers community scholarships for Louisiana residents. People are invited to nominate someone (or themselves) to attend one or all three days of the conference. Scholarships will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Sponsorships are still available for the conference; the prospectus can be found [online](#).

For more information, see the conference [website](#). To learn more about the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana, visit the organization's [website](#).

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*[The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana](#) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to unite people in action to achieve a thriving, sustainable Louisiana coast for all. Incorporated in 1988, CRCL represents a unique mix of businesses, local governments, industries, scientific communities, national and local conservation groups, hunters, anglers and a broad spectrum of concerned citizens who all share a common vision and commitment to the sustainability of coastal Louisiana.*